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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 10 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the further menu selection comprises a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators.

Please add new claims 16-20 as follows:

-- 16. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the further menu selection comprises a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators.

17. An apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the further menu selection comprises a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators.

18. An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the further menu selection comprises a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators.

19. An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the further menu selection comprises a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators.

20. An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the further menu selection comprises a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators.--

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please amend the Abstract of the invention as follows:

Line 16, delete "[Figure 6]".

**REMARKS**

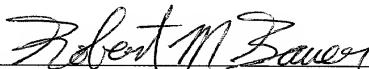
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Entry of the above amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 10 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the further menu selection comprises a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators.